

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dale Fiene on 9/3/08.

3. The Application is being amended as follows.

In the Claims

Claims 1-33 are canceled.

Cancel claims 47, 56 and 66.

In claims 48, 57 and 67 in the second-to-last line of each claim, after "luminaires can be" and before "connected" insert --electrically--.

These changes are necessary to clarify the claims and make all issued claims allowable over the prior art, particularly Teiszen (U.S. Patent 5,141,449).

Reasons for Allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

1) the terminal disclaimer is approved for claims 34-37 and 72-76;

2) the input terminals being located within the area of the intersection of two channels and positioned such that the first input terminal making contact with a first

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electrical conductor and the second input terminal making contact with the second electrical conductor during installation of the luminaire no matter through which channel the electrical cord is routed as recited in claim 39; and

3) wherein the luminaires can be electrically connected to the interconnecting cable in any one of four possible orientations as recited in claims 48, 57 and 67.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHARON E. PAYNE whose telephone number is (571)272-2379. The examiner can normally be reached on regular business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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